

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Vishnu K. Agarwal

Serial No.:

Filed: August 31, 2000

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING  
AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN  
SAID DEVICE

§ Group Art Unit:  
§ Examiner:  
§ Atty. Docket: 98-0616.15  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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After awarding the above-captioned application the benefit of the priority date of its parent -  
- application #09/200,253, filed November 25, 1998 -- please amend the current application as  
follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please add the following: --

Related Application

*A1*  
This application is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/200,253, filed Nov. 25,  
1998. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-53 and 57-75 without prejudice.